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PETITION FOR INCORPORATION AS VILLAGE

To be Presented to Board of County Commissioners

Expense of Village Government Small

Taxation Limited by Law to one half of One Per Cent

Sheriff Meyer has prepared a petition to present to the board of county commissioners asking that Estancia be incorporated as a village. Under the amended statute there must be not less than two hundred people residing within the limits of the territory proposed to be incorporated. A petition signed by not less than a majority of the qualified voters residing within the said territory, must be presented to the board of county commissioners, at a regular meeting. This petition shall be filed with the county board until their next regular meeting, and after due consideration, if the commissioners are satisfied with the validity and good faith of the petition and the signatures thereto, and upon the deposit of one hundred dollars for incidental expenses, the board shall cause the boundaries of the proposed town or village to be plainly and substantially marked, and issue an order declaring said town or village to be an incorporated town or village for the purposes provided by law. The board shall call an election to be held not less than thirty and not more than sixty days thereafter for the purpose of choosing a town marshal and a board of five trustees.

The expense of the village government need not be great, as the salary of the clerk is limited by statute to not to exceed twenty-five dollars per month. The marshal, according to section 2474 of the Compiled Laws of 1897, shall receive the same fees for his services that constables are allowed in similar cases. Section 2489 of the same laws provides that a tax levy may be made, but shall not exceed one-half of one per centum in any one year.

The benefits to be derived as an incorporated village would be numerous. The cleaning up and keeping clean of the streets and alleys, police regulation in general, providing water supply, restricting the running at large of animals, are a few of the benefits we would derive. The petition ought be generally signed by our citizens when presented to them.

Methodist Church Notes.

The Ladies Aid Society held their regular meeting in the lecture room of the Church Wednesday afternoon.

The semi-annual election of officers was held at this meeting the following being elected.

President, Mrs. A. J. Green
Vice President, Mrs. J. Preston
Secretary, Mrs. J. Pence
Treasurer, Mrs. Freeman

The Children's Day program will be given Sunday night. Come out and hear it. The children have been busily engaged for several weeks preparing for this and will be glad to have you present.

Pays Fire Loss.

F. C. Wilson, was in town the first of the week, and adjusted the loss of the J. E. Braxton residence, which was insured in the Liverpool, London & Globe Company. The amount paid Mr. Braxton was entirely satisfactory as well as the prompt settlement by the company.

Santa Fe 12, Estancia 11

A large crowd of valley people accompanied the Estancia boys to the Ancient City on last Sunday, where they assisted the home team in giving the Santa Fe boys the scare of the season, if not in defeating them. For a number of innings the score was in favor of our boys, but a couple of errors in running bases, gave the game to the other side, by a majority of one.

Everyone who went had a good time, except the herding into the box-cars like so many cattle. A number have declared that they will not patronize another excursion unless decent railroad equipment is at hand to make the trip at least bearable.

Almost four hundred people were crowded into two box cars, two cabooses and two coaches.

Special Services Closed

The Special services at the Baptist Church closed last Sunday night, after a little more than one week of work on the part of Evangelist T. Joe Talley at this place. The services resulted in much good not only for the Baptist Church, but the other local churches as well. Mr. Talley has proved himself a worker of rare merit in the strengthening of the church and leading men and women into the better life.

On Sunday afternoon, the ordinance of baptism, was given Misses Mamie Nisbett and Mable Hine, at the home of A. A. Hine.

Mr. Talley left at once for Silver City, where he will conduct a series of meetings.

Real Estate Transfers.

Holden Miller to R. A. Findley, ne qr sec 15, 5, 7. Consideration \$1,000.

Albert Kubena to Don Campbell, 40 acres in the Manzano Grant consideration \$600.

Charles I. Jordan to Mrs. A. L. Durkin, sw qr sec 27, 8, 8, consideration \$2500.

Gard of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who rendered such tender services during our recent sorrow in laying away our baby, Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Smith.

Gard of Thanks

Editor of the News.

Will you kindly express to the people of Estancia my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kindness extended in the death of my son, Harry, and the preparation and shipment of the remains. While it was impossible for me to have been with him at the end, I am grateful to know that he was among friends.

Mrs. Ellen A. Bosworth, 425 Wabash Ave., Wichita, Kansas.

NOT TAXABLE 'TIL PATENTED

Attorney General Holds Patent Should Issue Before Land is Assessed

Attorney General Frank W. Clancy has handed down the following important opinion: Mr. Charles W. Cook, Assessor of Lum County, Deming, N. M.

Dear Sir—Your letter of the 31st of May, addressed to Mr. Hervey has been, by him, sent to me at Santa Fe, from which place, in turn, it has been forwarded to me here. After a man has made final proof on a homestead entry, it is questionable whether the land can be assessed for purposes of taxation until he has received his patent. There is a possibility that something might happen to prevent the issuance of the patent, although the courts have held that after he has done everything incumbent upon him he has such title to the property that he can sell and convey it. There is enough doubt as to the land being taxable, to make it advisable that it be not assessed until the patent is actually issued.

Ordinarily, I would feel inclined to give official advice to county officers, because, by statute, the district attorney is made their legal adviser and it might be considered discourteous for the attorney general to intrude upon the business of the district attorney.

Yours truly,
FRANK W. CLANCY,
Attorney General.

M. W. A. Growing

On Monday night, the Modern Woodmen of America, Estancia Camp, received five new members, bring the total membership to date to fifty-eight. The new members are: Jesse E. Shirley, R. N. Reagan, of Estancia, and D. F. Heal, A. N. Brown and Fletcher Brown of Lucia. All members are urged to be present on next Monday night as there will be something doing again then.

Auction--Auction.

On Monday, June 28, at 2:30 p. m. to the highest cash bidder, will be sold the following property, to wit:

Lots No. 6, 7, 8 and 9, block 52 in the townsite of Alta Vista, Torrance county, N. M. On said property there is a drilled well about 300 feet deep, partly cased with 10-inch casing.

Also at the same time and place about 200 feet of 12-inch well casing, about 600 feet 6-inch casing and about 400 feet 4-inch water pipe.

Sale to be held on above named lots in Alta Vista. Well casing can be seen on the ground, where sale is held. Don't forget the date. This is all good property and will go at a bargain. All of above property is owned by the Estancia Public Service Company, and proceeds from said sale will go to said company's treasure.

This property is sold by order of the Board of Directors of the Estancia Public Service Company.

S. Spore, President
H. C. Williams, Sec'y

ROCK ISLAND OFFICIALS HERE

Look Over Local Railroad Property and Coal Fields at Hagan

General Manager H. U. Mudge, of the Rock Island, accompanied by other "brass collars" spent some time in Estancia Monday, his private car having been brought up from Torrance early in the morning. After thoroughly investigating the railroad properties here, the special was run north. At Moriarty, the party was driven over to Hagan, to inspect the coal fields.

The significance of this trip at this time, is mere rumor, but there appears to be foundation for the rumor that the Rock Island is seriously considering taking over the New Mexico Central. Such a move could not come too soon for the people of the valley, who are anxious to secure some accommodations, when they are compelled to dig up five cents per mile.

Dry Farm Crops Pay Debts on Irrigated Land

Longmont, Colo., June 14.—Twelve hundred bushels of wheat harvested from 60 acres of dry farm land and sold for \$1.32 a bushel.

This is the result of dry farming on George F. Givens' farm near here. He bought the land from the railroad at \$4.50 an acre. In 1907 he got 2,950 bushels of wheat from 60 acres. Last year, which was the driest in many years in that vicinity, he threshed the 1,200 bushels mentioned above. Now he is building a fine barn and paying off the debts he contracted on his irrigated quarter section while the proceeds of his dry farm wheat.

Samples of the grains raised under similar conditions in all parts of Colorado will be exhibited at the International Exposition of Dry Farm Products, which will be held at Billings, Montana, next October 25-29, in connection with the Fourth Dry Farming Congress.

Nevada Will Carry on Dry Farm Experiments

Billings, Montana, June 14.—Dry farming experiments will be carried on under the supervision of the state authorities in the northeastern part of Nevada, and when the Fourth Dry Farming Congress meets at Billings, Montana, next October 25-29 it is expected that the delegates will hear of great advances in the reclamation of the non-irrigable lands of that state.

A commission appointed by the governor has just selected a site for a dry farm experiment station in Pleasant Valley, 16 or 18 miles south of Elko, where the ranch of John W. Thompson, containing 160 acres has been secured by the state. The quarter is fenced and about 30 acres are under cultivation. There is an orchard of about 150 trees, including apples, pears, plums and cherries, and a two-acre patch of berries are on the place. The soil is rich and of great depth and is considered excellently adapted to dry farming operations. It is reported that Mr. Thompson last year raised 1,000 sacks of potatoes, and that all kinds of vegetables gave good returns, cabbage heads running as high as 18 pounds.

It is the purpose of the Nevada Experimental Association to demonstrate on this farm that dry farming methods can be applied on the millions of acres of bench lands in the state.

Rabbit Drive

There will be a rabbit drive northeast of Estancia on Thursday, June 24, near the farm of J. C. Davis, the same place the last one was held. It is reported that there are plenty of rabbits in that vicinity again, and all are urged to come, bringing a plain lunch. F. J. Curle will be in charge of the drive.

Children's Day Program

The Sunday school of the Methodist Church will observe Children's Day with appropriate exercises on next Sunday evening, at the hour of the regular preaching service. The children have been practicing and drilling for some time and a good program is assured. The program as arranged, follows:

Music
Prayer by pastor
Song
Opening Address, Pickard Walker
Address, Alva Hayes
Song by School
Exercises, Mayme Hayes
and Virgil Weaver
Recitation, Clark Cornell
Recitation, Gladys Paup
Exercises, Three boys
Song
Recitation, Irene Miller
Recitation, Henry Hayes
Recitation, Mable Dow
Recitation, Ellis Johnson
Group song, Eight girls
Recitation, Ernest Green
Recitation, Jimmie Walker
Song
Recitation, Helen Paup
Recitation, Edgar Lambert
Recitation, Islea Johnson
Song
Flag Drill, Sixteen girls
Song, Congregation
Benediction

VALLEY VIEW

Elmo Lucas went to Estancia Saturday.

Cleora McHan is off to the gold fields this week.

Wheeler Brothers went to Estancia Wednesday.

G. O. Grace made a business trip to Estancia Friday.

Albert Brantley went to Estancia Saturday for hay.

On Tuesday a light shower fell in this neighborhood.

B. F. Moore had business in the county seat Saturday.

Jim Hayne of McIntosh was calling on friends here Tuesday.

Miss Lena McCrary went to McIntosh Friday where she is visiting friends this week.

Tolley Underwood, S. M. McCrary and Frank Kirkham were Estancia visitors Saturday.

J. H. and T. E. Underwood with their families went to the Padernal Sunday for an outing. They report a pleasant trip.

Miss Maggie Clayton returned home Monday, accompanied by Miss Jessie Bryant and will visit a week with friends at Willard.

The debate last Saturday night was fairly well attended, the question "Shall New Mexico have Statehood?" was decided affirmatively.

Wm. Bryant is finishing his well this week. He got good soft water at 67 feet and a good flow. Who says this section has not good water and plenty of it?

ESTANCIA TO CELEBRATE JULY 5th

Prominent Speakers will Assist on the Program

Sports and Games to Entertain All

In the Shade of the Cottonwoods at the Park

On Wednesday afternoon, a number of Estancia businessmen met at the office of Scott & Jensen, and decided to celebrate Independence Day in Estancia on July 3d. Committees were named to take charge of the different phases of the work. Outside speakers, as well as local men will be asked to take part in the program.

The celebration will be held under the old trees in the park, seats being provided for the convenience of the crowd. The committee on arrangements is A. J. Green, chairman, J. P. Kennedy, J. W. Brashears, F. H. Ayers and G. W. Walters.

At the meeting held yesterday afternoon, the date of the celebration was changed from Saturday, the 3d to Monday the 5th. This change was made so that the celebration here will not conflict with that of Willard, which will be held on the 3d.

Thieving near Mountainair

As in all newly settled localities, there are a few persons in the Estancia Valley who think the world owes them a living and proceed to get it by the light of the moon when honest people are supposed to be asleep. A number of petty thefts are reported from the rural districts including farm implements, household goods, sheep, and everything in fact movable and stealable. One man reports that he heard of a milldam carried off, but the water wouldn't follow in his direction and the milldam was abandoned. It is said that over on the river somewhere there is a store where stolen goods are secreted and sold at reduced prices. This may or may not be literally true, but this stealing business must stop. If our citizens continue to be robbed, and there is no other means of protection, "somebody's darling" will decorate the wrong end of a rope one of these beautiful nights and other thieves will then leave for greener fields.—Mountainair Messenger.

Stolen Thunder

We note the write-up of the Mountainair gold fields in the Albuquerque Journal of last Saturday. We further note the effort that our neighbor on the east has made to claim the honor of being the nearest to the gold fields. A glance at the map will show the blind that Mountainair is nearer the gold fields than our foxy rival by quite a few and then some. Mountainair is also the most convenient point to all the ruins of historic interest.—Mountainair Messenger.